

Report to the Kentucky Library Association Board  
ALA Councilor  
Louisville, Kentucky  
June 2, 2012

I am registered to attend the ALA Annual meeting in Dallas.  
News from ALA-

Carnegie Medals for best fiction and nonfiction books announced. Non-fiction finalists are:

*Catherine the Great: Portrait of a Woman* by Robert Massie

*The Information: A History, a Theory, A Flood* by James Gleick

*Malcolm X: A Life of Reinvention* by Manning Marable

Fiction finalists are:

*The Forgotten Waltz* by Anne Enright

*Lost Memory of Skin* by Russell Banks

*Swamplandia!* by Karen Russell

This is the first time that ALA is offering single book awards for adult fiction and nonfiction. The Carnegie Corporation, *Booklist* and RUSA are sponsors of this award.

Over 200 libraries participated in Money Smart Week@ your library the week of April 21-28. See <http://www.moneysmartweek.org> for more information.

ALTAFF has a new name that was approved by a bylaws vote in the 2012 election. The new name is "United for Libraries: the Association of Library Trustees, Advocates, Friends and Foundations" and will be shortened to "United for Libraries."

Membership is 60,257 down from 61,322 last March.

Banned Books Week 2012 is September 30-October 6 and is the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the celebration of the freedom to read. Lots of promotional items are available at [www.alastore.ala.org](http://www.alastore.ala.org)

Advocacy Corner at the ALA Annual conference will be 30 minute workshops, Q&A sessions and presentations on advocacy issues. This will take place in the ALA Member Pavilion in the Exhibit Hall on Saturday and Sunday from 12:00 to 5:00.

Step Up to the Plate @ your library kicks off June 4.

Mini Grants for 2012 Teen Read Week, funded by Dollar General Literacy Foundation, are available to help implement the program that runs October 14-20 with the theme "It Came from the Library!" See [www.ala.org/teenread](http://www.ala.org/teenread) for more information.

11,500+ members voted in the 2012 election with Barbara Stripling winning by about 2,000 votes.

Respectfully submitted,

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